



CONNECTED AND COMPLIANT HOSPITAL WITH REDWOOD REPORT2WEB®

Report2Web provides Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital with streamlined operations and secure information distribution.

KEY POINTS

- ▲ The hospital had an overabundance of paperwork that relied on manual effort to produce, maintain and distribute.
- ▲ Month-end financial reports are now securely and automatically published in the Report2Web repository as soon as they are generated.
- ▲ 3 to 4 hours of staff time per month is saved across accounting and payroll report distribution alone.
- ▲ Finance had to print the same set of general ledger reports repeatedly during the closing period, taking time and exposing the organization to risk from manual error.

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Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital is the largest not-for-profit community hospital in Middle Tennessee, licensed for 683 acute and rehab care beds. Formerly known as Baptist Hospital, Saint Thomas Midtown joined Saint Thomas Health's regional health system in 2002.

Initially administrators were determined to use the facility's corporate intranet to reduce the cost and overhead associated with the distribution and storage of information. However, they needed tools to do this and bolster efforts to remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). When the organization searched for a report and document management solution to support this effort,


they discovered Report2Web.

Business managers suffered under the sheer volume of paper reports they had to manage. The hospital data center printed and distributed thousands of pages per month.

Jim Drew, IT manager, explains: "Having an electronic reporting tool was a must. The product needed to be based on current browser technology that didn't require the installation of any dedicated client software."

According to Drew, his team selected Report2Web for its, "ease-of-use, intuitiveness of administration, and reasonable price."


A SECURE SOLUTION


 Today, Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital uses Redwood collect output from many enterprise applications, catalog it in a secure data repository, and distribute it to authorized end-users electronically through its corporate Intranet.

The solution manages output from patient accounting, finance, materials management, payroll and other applications running on IBM mainframe and AIX servers. Drew points out: “Redwood automatically collects, decollates and publishes output from multiple enterprise applications into single, logical folders. Our business decision-makers can quickly and easily find the information they need to do their daily work.”

The system’s security and control over sensitive information, as well as its ability to track every access to every document, plays a key role in the hospital’s HIPAA-readiness program. Mike Newman, Vice President of IT says: “Report2Web’s support of a wide range of systems and applications allows us to use it to securely manage information distribution across our entire hospital. Delivery time is virtually instantaneous.”

Currently over 200 users in more than 50 departments have access to Report2Web, with various levels of computer skill from vice presidents, to department managers, to administrative assistants. Tens of thousands of documents are published each year and are currently available online. Approximately 3,000 new documents are added each month.


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A FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE



The finance department saw significant changes. Before implementation, the same set of general ledger reports was printed repeatedly during the closing period. Each day the reports contained the updated information, so the previous day’s reports were thrown away, resulting in tremendous amounts of wasted paper and potential for error.

The month-end reports are now automatically published and secured in the Redwood repository as soon as they are generated. The finance department can access the reports online any time to see the latest month-end information. Printouts are no longer used in the process.

Drew explains: “Financial reports used to require 2 to 3 days of manual decollation, sorting, packaging and delivery. Now that these reports are no longer printed, we estimate that 3 to 4 hours of staff time per month are being saved for accounting and payroll report distribution alone.”

Newman concludes: “Report2Web has met our operational needs and is a core part of our daily business. It has fulfilled the ROI specifications we established, and it is playing an important role as we prepare for HIPAA.”

